

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on March 29, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Roy Brown (R)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)  
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch  
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 260, SJR 15, (3/26/99)  
Executive Action: HB 260, SJR 15,

**HEARING ON HB 260**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Sliter, HD 76 introduces HB 260. **EXHIBIT**(buh70a01)

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**Proponents' Testimony:** Governor Racicot,

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Dick Croft, Commissioner of Higher Ed

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 233 - 261}***

Mr. Malone, Pres of MSU

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Frank Gilmore, Chancellor of Montana Tech

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Kathy Conover, MSU **EXHIBIT**(buh70a02)

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John Youngblood, Montana Farmers Assn.

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Nancy Warneke, Salish and Kootenai Tribes

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Chuck Merja, Farmer from Gt Falls.

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Jennifer Salsbury, Montana Stockgrowers Assn.

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Randy Johnson, Montan Grain growers Assn.

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Ron de Young, Montana Farmers Union

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**Opponents' Testimony:** Vernal Bertelson, Montana Sr. Citizens Assn.

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Don Judge, AFL-CIO

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Sliter closes SB 260.

**EXHIBIT** (buh70a03)

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 275 - 386}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER moved that HB 260 DO PASS. Motion carried 13-5 with Ewer, Juneau, Krenzler, Squires, and Tuss voting no.

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HEARING ON SJR 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Fred Thomas, SD 31 introduces SJR 15.

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Proponents' Testimony: Nancy Butler, State Fund

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Kevin Braun, Montana Dept. of Labor

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 88 - 102}*

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Thomas closed SJR 15.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 15

Motion/Vote: REP. KRENZLER moved that SJR 15 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:10 A.M.

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REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

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PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (buh70aad)